

Agenda Item: 20-17 **Request for Approval for the Consolidation of the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County and the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District, per NCGS 162A-68.5**

Explanation: DWR received a request for the inclusion of the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District (Can Creek), located in Henderson County, into the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD). In accordance with NCGS 162A-68.5, the petition requests that the EMC issue approval of the consolidation of Cane Creek into MSD; therefore, DWR staff will be appearing before the EMC on behalf of MSD and Cane Creek to request approval for the merger. DWR staff has reviewed the submitted documentation, including the results of the public hearings, and have concluded that enough information has been provided by both MSD and Cane Creek to proceed for approval of the merger in accordance with the statute.

Recommendation: That the Environmental Management Commission approve the merger between MSD and Cane Creek